A

RELATION

Of a Bloody and Barbarous Murder,

Committed on the Body of

Mr. Wright, a Protestant Minister,

On *Thursday* the 24. of this Instant *February*:

With the manner of the Discovery, and of the Coroners inquest thereon.

THE discovery of Murther is that general Providence, that the Grave cannot hide, nor the Deep it self conceal it; some attending Vengeance still haunts the Bloody Hand, and so traces the steps of the Murtherer, that sooner or later, the Guilt is detected, the Criminal taken in the Snare, and Justice and Judgment both glorified in the due and just Reward of so crying an Impiety. A more Barbarous Instance of this kind has not been known then in the Butchery of a poor Gentleman found last *Thursday* in the *Thames*, near *Black-Fryars-Stairs*. The manner and circumstance whereof, are as follows. He was discovered lying Dead under a Timber-Wharfe near *Black-Fryars-Stairs* in his Canonical Habit. After which, he was taken up and laid in the *Timber-Yard*, exposed to the View of all Persons desirous of seeing so miserable a Spectacle. Being visited by several of his own Profession, his Person was soon discovered to be one Mr. *Wright*, an Usher to a School at *Camberwell*, at present out of Benefice, about 40 Years of Age, a Lusty Fresh-Coloured Man. The Water had no part in his Death, for he was no ways swell'd, which was a plain Indication that he received his Death from some other violent Cause, which was too plainly evident by his Skull being crack'd, his Breast infinitely bruised, and his Left Arm very much swell'd by a Blow, which may naturally be supposed to have been received in warding and defending of his Head from the Assault of his Murtherer. His Neck was likewise broke, as is imagined for his last and free Dispatch. In his Pocket was found only one half-penny in Money, with a Table Book, and a Letter concerning some Church Preferment that he was speedily like to obtain, in all which, his Person and Name were more fully discovered. The Coroners inquest thereon has been very Diligent and Industrious in a due Examination of the Cause of his Death, for which reason his Body has been kept three days unburied, as having not yet fully insisted into the matter, however, they have already so far traced the Inquiry, that they have discovered where, and in what Company he dined that *Thursday* he was first found, and that he was then seen to have five Shillings in his Pocket. He was a Person of a very honest and civil Deportment and Conversation, which makes his Death so much the more the Subject of common Wonder. The small matter of Money about him being thought too poor a Provocation for so horrid a Murther. But as the Murtherers are not yet detected, though the Jury have too plain demonstrations of Murther, and have given their Verdict accordingly; yet some shrewd Suspitions begin to appear, and God of his Justice, we hope, will soon more perfectly bring Truth to Light, and Guilt to its due Punishment.

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